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STATE FORESTER HONORS UTAH LANDOWNERS

The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, in conjunction with the Utah Forest Stewardship Committee, will honor two Utah landowners during the 58th Annual Convention of the Utah Association of Conservation Districts. Each year awards are presented to citizens who apply modern forestry techniques to protect the environment while providing essential natural resources. The awards are to be presented Wednesday, November 8, 2006, at the Park City Marriott in Park City, Utah.

“These individuals demonstrate the validity of the concept of natural resource sustainability,” said State Forester Joel Frandsen. “It’s a pleasure to recognize them for their devotion to proper land management techniques.”

The 2006 Utah Forest Landowner of the Year award will be presented to Duane Rose, whose property is located at the summit of Indian Canyon on highway 191 between Duchesne and Price, Utah. Working closely with division foresters Rose has instituted an aggressive program to improve forest health by reducing diseased or insect infected trees and thinning vegetation to reduce the risk of wildland fire. He has also worked with adjacent landowners and other members of the community to help them understand the importance of being a good steward of the land.

Paul Fullmer of Cedar City will receive a posthumous Stewardship Achievement Award. Fullmer was a native of Circleville and after receiving a degree in 1963 worked for the Nevada Division of Forestry for two years before spending a 29-year career with the U.S. Forest Service. After retiring in 1994 he used his expertise and knowledge to promote stewardship of forestlands. He passed away from the effects of cancer in August of 2006.

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